Removal of Jhuggies from banks of Yamuna

†748. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maximum pollution in the Yamuna river in Delhi is caused by the Jhuggis and unauthorized colonies situated on its bank;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to remove these colonies; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that existence of Jhuggies and unauthorized colonies on the banks of Yamuna river could be one of the reasons for its dirtiness.

Hon'ble Delhi High Court in CWP No. 2112/2002 had directed on 3.3.2003 to remove all unathorized structures, Jhuggies, places of worship etc. which have come up unauthorisedly in Yamuna bed and its embankments. Accordingly, Slum & JJ Department (MCD) has relocated about 5,804 families from the Yamna Pushta area. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have also reported to have removed about 11,250 Jhuggie families from this area.

Funds for implementation of rapid transit system in Mumbai

†749. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been requested to provide approximately rupees 245 crores for implementation of rapid transit system at Andheri-Ghatkopar road in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No, sir. No such proposal for Andhrei-Ghatkopar road in Mumbai has been received from the State Government. However, a proposal has been received for Implementation of a rail-based Mass Rapid Transit System on Versova-Andrei-Ghatkopar corridor as part of the Master Plan of Mumbai Metro.

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